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Chengtu Road

November 8, 38.

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Shooting Affray on Avenue Foch.

Since the date of this shooting affray, the undersigned has maintained contact with F. J. Clearissi, French Police, who on the 3/11/38 stated that he had obtained no information regarding the affray.

On the 5/11/38 a translation from the "Shun Pao" dated the 4/11/38 was received at this station from Headquarters, this stating as under:-

MO OR CAR SHOT AT ON ROUTE DES SOEURS.

At 6 p.m. October 28, while proceeding northward on Route des Soeurs near Avenue Foch in the French Concession, a private motor car bearing licence No. 4731 was shot at by unknown persons. The inmate of the car succeeded in making his escape and was uninjured. The car was detained at Chengtu Road Police Station; it was struck by two bullets in the rear. As the case occurred in the French Concession, the car was later handed over to the French Police. An investigation revealed that the owner of the motor car is Yee Yung-Chong (葉永宗), residing in Lane 985, House No. 6 Wuting Road, an employee of Siemssen & Company on Kiangse Road.

On November 3, our reporter secured from a certain reliable source all the facts in the case. It is learned that the intention of the gunmen was not to shoot at the motor car bearing licence No. 4731 but at a private motor car bearing licence No. 6269, whose owner is a prominent person named Chang (張), residing on Rue Wagner, French Concession. On the evening of October 20, this person Chang had left in his private motor car bearing licence No. 6269 to call on some friends on Route de Say Zoong and on a lawyer's office on Avenue Joffre to see his elder son.

At 4 p.m. October 24, the French Police arrested 6 desperadoes in Room No. 14 of the Sin Chung Hwa Hotel (新中華旅館), Hung Yui Fong (洪維芳) on Rue Wagner and seized two 6-inch Browning pistols, one Mauser pistol and two hand grenades. At the Police Station, the six men stated that they had received instructions to murder a certain man named Chang. (These six men were taken to

the S.M.P. on the afternoon of November 3).

Since the occurrence of the above case, the man Chang has adopted strict precautions and when going out, extra bodyguards follow in another motor car. On the evening of October 28, when the two motor cars in which Chang and his bodyguards were travelling were proceeding near the corner of Route des Soeurs and Avenue Foch, a motor cycle suddenly appeared behind them. Two men were riding on the cycle, one of whom drew a Mauser pistol and fired over ten shots at Cheng's motor car. The motor car bearing licence No. 4731 and the motor car carrying Chang's bodyguards were hit by several bullets. Chang's motor car was ahead and upon hearing the shots, Chang ordered the chauffeur to drive off at high speed. Thus the car succeeded in escaping. The motor cycle of the gunman also escaped.

The French Police are paying close attention to the affair. Chang now goes out very seldom and refuses to see callers. More bodyguards have been employed for his protection. Three detectives and many Chinese and Annamite policemen of the French Police are on duty all the time at his residence.

The undersigned again interviewed D.S.I. Cleasiali, who was shown the translation, and he informed M. Valentini French Police, who then gave the following details.

Motor car S.M.C. License No. 4731 was in no way involved in the affray, not being struck by any bullets, and the owner Yee Yoong Kong (葉永強) residing at No. 6, Lane No. 980 Wuting Road, (not the address mentioned in the "Shun Pao"), was in no way connected with the offence. The above man was located upon the night of the offence by detectives from this station, and subsequently attended Lokawei to make a statement.

The gang arrested by the French Police on the 24/10/38 are also in no way connected with the offence.

However, it was admitted that the person named Chang () was the intended victim, his full name being Chang Jiau Ling () advisor to the French Municipal Council, owner of Motor Car License No. 6269, and it was this car that had been involved, also a second car License No. 7775, which had been full of bodyguards at the time of the offence.

Car License No. 7775 which was in the lead had been struck by five bullets, all in the left rear of the car, the car bearing License No. 6269 was struck by one bullet near the left front wing and running board. No persons were stated to have been injured, but this is doubted by the French Police who obtained information regarding the cars involved from the garage where the repairs were effected, and later substantiation from the persons involved.

The latter states that the firing had come from a motor cycle proceeding west, as also were the two cars, and the perpetrator had immediately accelerated and escaped. The fire was not returned by bodyguards.

Cartridge cases obtained at the scene have not been identified.

Enquiries by the French Police are proceeding.


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"A" Division.

Misc. 420/38

Chengtu Road Police Station.

28-10-38.

Diary Number :- 1.

Shooting Affray on Avenue Foch.

At about 6 p.m. on the 28-10-38, a telephone message was received at this station from Sub-Inspector Moffat stating that a shooting affray had occurred on Avenue Foch near Yates Road, and following this notification D.I. Hill, D.S.I. Wilkinson, D.S.I. Tsai Liu and J.D.S. 112 attended the scene, but investigations failed to locate any injured persons, and information as follows was obtained.

At 5.50 p.m., Sub-Inspector Moffat whilst on patrol on Avenue Foch heard the sound of two pistol shots sounding from the direction of Avenue Foch and Yates Road, approximately 300 yards east of his position, and upon running easterly heard the report of six further shots, followed at a short interval by two others, and then firing ceased.

At this time it was raining heavily and few pedestrians were abroad, but a line of cars were proceeding both in an easterly and westerly direction, yet nothing was observed that would indicate the origin of the firing, and due to this, a report was made to this station.

Upon arrival of the station party, Sub-Inspector Moffat produced a spent cartridge case which he had found near the front right wheel of a small "Baby Austin" car, S.M.C. License No. 4731, parked on the French Concession

side of Avenue Foch, opposite to Lane No. 504. The radiator of this car was hot and the car had obviously just been vacated, but examination of the inside of the car revealed nothing.

Inmates at No. 490 Avenue Foch informed Police that the window of their premises, a hardware shop, had been broken, and the undersigned ascertained that a bullet had passed through the upper portion of the ground floor window, striking the wooden frame-work and had dropped to the show window. The bullet was recovered and showed very little disfiguration.

At this time, a party of French Police under D.S.I. Clerrissi, attended the scene and joint investigations were pursued, but these failed to obtain any witnesses who had observed the actual shooting, which had apparently taken place on the French Concession side of Avenue Foch.



C.P.W. 979 on duty at the entrance of Lane No. 470 was located, and he stated that at the time of the shooting he was inside the Lane, and upon gaining Avenue Foch, he observed nothing of an untoward nature.

A pedestrian (not located) was stated to have observed two bicycles converge upon a motor car proceeding in a westerly direction and that the firing emanated from this source, but this was unsubstantiated.

Detectives were later detailed for a house to house enquiry by D.I. Hill, this also being assisted by the French Police, but no eye-witnesses were located.

The French Police took over the investigations and both the empty cartridge case and spent bullet were handed over for expert examination, result of which will be forwarded to the International Police.

Diary Number :- 1/3

Enquiries in connection with the aforestated motor car ascertained the owner to be one named Yee Yoong Kong () employed by "Siemssen and Company" and residing at No. 6 Lane No. 980 Wuting Road, This person was located at No. 36, Lane 504 Avenue Foch, and stated that he had left his car at 5.45 p.m. (just prior to the shooting) in order to visit a friend named Zeh Kyi Foo (), manager of the XH.H.B. Radio Station at the above address. This was checked and found to be correct.

The French Police desired that this witness be taken to Lokawei Station to make a statement, and he willingly agreed to do so, and with the permission of the D.O. "A" Division, handing over was allowed.

Detectives have been detailed to make search in the vicinity of the shooting at day-break in efforts to locate other cartridge cases or spent bullets.

From enquiries made it is surmised that the shooting occurred in a west bound car or at a west bound car, but this has yet to be proved, and a message was circulated to all stations requesting investigations at hospitals regarding persons admitted suffering from bullet wounds.

Contact will be kept with the French Police in order that the origin of the shooting may be clarified.

Nearest Chinese Police to the scene of the offence was C.P.C. 1664 patrolling No. 4 Beat, No. "2" Section, and at the time of shooting was on Taku Road approximately 400 yards from the scene. This C.P.C. was not conversant with the offence.

Diary Number :- 1/4

Division.
Officer i/c, D.D.O. "A" and D.O. "A" /informed.

Further report of investigations will be
submitted in due course.

Sd. R. Wilkinson

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Sen. Det. i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Chengtu Road Station,

REPORT

Date October 28, 1938.

Subject Shooting Affray on Avenue Foch.

Made by Sub-Inspector Moffat Forwarded by Sd. B.B. Everest, Inspector.
Officer in charge.

Sir,

At 5.50 p.m. on 28/10/38 whilst on foot patrol passing No. 394 Avenue Foch proceeding Westwood towards Yates Road, I heard the sound of two shots which appeared to come from the direction of Yates and Avenue Foch corner approx. 300 yards ahead. Knowing there was a traffic constable on duty there, I ran towards that corner, when opposite No. 474 Avenue Foch a further six rapid shots rang out, followed by two more shots, after which firing ceased. At this time it was raining heavily and there were very few pedestrians about, and nothing to indicate by whom or from where the shots had been fired, after a brief search in the vicinity, I entered No. 474 Avenue Foch and informed the station. Whilst waiting the arrival of station party, I enquired at several shops in the vicinity and was informed by the occupants of No. 490 Avenue Foch that one of their windows had been broken by a bullet, opposite this shop, on the French Town side of Avenue Foch I noticed an Austin saloon car Licence No. 4731 parked against the kerb, the radiator of same was very hot. Nothing was found in this car, but on examining the roadway one "Mauser" cartridge case was found lying beside the right front wheel. Just then station party under D.I. Hill arrived and took over investigation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. H.A. Moffat

Sub-Inspector.

D. O. "A".

